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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DISAPPEARANCE
OF DAGMAR HAGELIN (162/77/11)

H PASS: HONORABLE HOWARD M. METZENBAUM
UNITED STATES SENATE WASHDC

1. DEAR SENATOR METZENBAUM:
THE NAME OF THE GIRL INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT
MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 28, 1980 IS
DAGMAR HAGELIN, A DUAL SWEDISH-ARGENTINE NATIONAL
WHO, AT THAT TIME WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD. AS
WE UNDERSTAND THE CASE, ON JANUARY 27, 1977 MS.
HAGELIN WAS GOING TO VISIT A FRIEND OF THE
FAMILY WHEN A NUMBER OF MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES
ATTEMPTED TO DETAIN HER. REPORTEDLY, SHE RAN
AND THEY SHOT AT HER, WOUNDING HER. THEY THEN
DROVE OFF WITH HER. SHE WAS NEVER AGAIN SEEN
BY HER FAMILY AND IS NUMBERED AMONG THE
DISAPPEARED.

2. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT HAS PURSUED THIS MATTER VERY
VIGOROUSLY. MOST RECENTLY, IN JANUARY 1980, PRIME
MINISTER FALLDIN WROTE TO ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
VIDELA MAKING REFERENCE TO A SWORN TESTIMONY
OF A WOMAN WHO DESCRIBED HERSELF AS A FORMER
PRISONER OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND WHO
STATED THAT IN LATE JANUARY AND EARLY
FEBRUARY 1977 SHE SAW MS. HAGELIN IN AN
ARGENTINE NAVY DETENTION CENTER WHERE THEY
WERE BOTH BEING HELD. ACCORDING TO PRESS
REPORTS, ON APRIL 7 THE SWEDISH FOREIGN
MINISTER MADE REFERENCE TO THIS REPRESENTATION
ON THE FLOOR OF PARLIAMENT, STATING THAT THE
ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO DENY ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF MS. HAGELIN'S FATE.

3. I WILL CERTAINLY LOOK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO INFORM THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES OF YOUR
INTEREST IN THE HAGELIN CASE AND SHOULD WE
DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION I WILL IMMEDIATELY
INFORM YOU.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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